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power cord extends outwardly from said handle.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Change reference number "40" on the right side of FIG. 1 to "39", extend the lead line from the right side reference number "72" to the jaw denoted thereby, and add reference numbers "75", "76", "78" and "80" to FIG. 1 as indicated in red on a copy of FIG. 1 submitted herewith.

Remarks

Entry of this amendment under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116 is respectfully requested. The proposed amendments to the specification are intended to correct or improve the form and consistency of the description and do not add new matter. The proposed amendments to the claims are made to correct form. The desirability of this amendment was first realized as Appellant's Brief was being completed.

The proposed amendments to FIG. 1 are requested partly to change the reference number "40" applied to the blower screen or guard in FIG. 1 to "39" because "40" is also used to denote the front face of the wall mount. This conforms to the proposed revision to the specification in the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 9. In addition, several reference numbers are proposed to be added to FIG. 1 and a lead line extended in FIG. 1, all in

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conformity with the paragraph of the specification beginning at page 9, line 6.

The reasons for the changes in the specification are believed to self-evident upon inspection of the copies of the amended paragraphs appearing at the end of these Remarks. Briefly, the rationales for the amendments are as follows for the paragraphs beginning at the pages and lines listed below.

Page 3, line 1. Correction of "for" to -of- at page 3, line 2 to avoid confusion.

Page 4, line 15. Correction of "a" to -an-.

Page 5, line 14. Sentence beginning at page 5, line 19 corrected to provide a grammatical balance.

Page 6, line 9. Reference number "40" changed to "39" at page 6, line 11 to avoid use of "40" for two different elements.

Page 8, line 14. The phrase "...shape and size..." at page 8, line 15, is changed to "size and shape" for balance. The phrase "...surface 68 has an arcuately convex surface that..." at page 8, lines 20, 21 is changed to "...surface 68 has an arcuately convex surface portion that..." to avoid the awkwardness of "...surface 68 has

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[a]...surface that..."

Page 9, line 6. The sentence beginning with "The jaws 72 are an integral..." at page 9, line 13 is revised to refer to U-shaped slots having slot portions 74 and 76 to conform the description to the drawings. "FIG. 3 and 4" at page 9, line 19 is changed to FIGS. 3 and 4. In addition, "recess" at page 9, line 20 is corrected to "recesses."

Page 10, line 3. The expression "ribs 82" at page 10, line 7 is changed to "clamp jaws 72" as obviously intended from the context.

Page 10, line 10. The word "and" is added at page 10, line 14 to improve the form of the sentence.

Claim 6 is amended to depend on claim 5 and claim 13 is amended to depend on claim 12 to provide antecedent bases for "said socket" recited in claims 7 and 14, respectively.

Amendment Details

The following section of this amendment repeats the foregoing amendments except that any added words and grammatical

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symbols are underlined and any deleted words and symbols are enclosed between brackets.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 1 to the following:

To deter theft, provision is made for storing and retaining intermediate lengths [for] of the hair dryer's power cord around a reel located behind the wall mount and for preventing one from pulling the power cord out from behind the wall mount. Accordingly, one attempting to steal the hair dryer would either have to remove the wall mount from the wall or cut the power cord, which would render the hair dryer less valuable.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 15 to the following:

FIG. 11 is a fragmentary elevational view showing [a] an electrical outlet plug of a type useful with the hair dryer and wall mount of this invention.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 14 to the following:

With reference also to FIGS. 5 and 6, the switch 26 includes

a movable switch-operating member or button 36 which can be manually moved into a position to open the switch 26 to deenergize the hair dryer 20. The particular switch 26 illustrated in the drawing is a common type of three position switch used in hair dryers. The hair dryer is switched off when the button 36 is centered with the entire button 36 extending equally partly out of the handle 24, as shown in FIGS. 1, 3 and 6, switched to a low speed "on" position illustrated in FIG. 5, [in which] when the switch button 36 is tilted so that its upper end extends further into the handle 24 than its lower end, and switched to a high speed "on" position (not illustrated) [in which] when the lower end of the button 36 is recessed further into the handle 24 than its upper end. Although a switch having a three-position switch operating button is illustrated, it will become apparent that other types of switches can be used in the practice of this invention, provided that there is a switch operating member that can be moved to a position in which the switch is opened or switched off by engagement of the switch operating member with the wall mount 22.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 9 to the following:

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The blower housing 28 has a rear end covered by a cool air intake screen 38 and a front end covered by a front screen or guard [40] 39 through which heated air exits during operation of the hair dryer 20. In accordance with this invention, the switch operating member or button 36 is mounted on the front face of the handle 24, facing generally toward the same forwardly direction as the front end of the blower housing 28. The handle 24 and the blower housing 28 can be manufactured from a suitable plastic material, such as a polycarbonate, and molded in two parts that are later joined together along a vertical centerline of the handle 24.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 14 to the following:

In the embodiment illustrated in the drawings, the switch button-receiving pocket 62 has a [shape and size] size and shape that substantially matches the size and shape of the exposed portion of the switch button 36 when the switch button 36 is in the "off" position. The bottom wall, designated 68, of the pocket 62 functions as a switch operating surface to move the switch button 36 to its "off" position as the hair dryer 20 is assembled onto the wall mount 22. To this end, as illustrated in

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FIGS. 1, 5 and 6, the switch operating surface 68 has an arcuately convex surface portion that mates with switch button 36, which is arcuately concave. Accordingly, if the switch button 36 happens to be in one of its switch-closed or "on" positions, as shown in FIG. 5, the engagement of the switch button 36 by the switch-operating surface 68 as the hair dryer 20 is assembled onto the wall mount 20 will cause the switch button 36 to be moved to its centered or "off" position shown in FIG. 6.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 6 to the following:

As best shown in FIG. 1, the switch button-receiving pocket 62 is located within a handle-receiving channel 70 that extends downwardly from the blower-housing receiving socket 60 along the vertical centerline of the wall mount 22. To positively secure the hair dryer 20 to the wall mount 22, a pair of mutually-confronting, outwardly-extending, rectangular, mutually-spaced clamp jaws 72 project forwardly along the sides of the channel 70. The jaws 72 are an integral part of the wall mount 22; otherwise they are separated from the body of the wall mount 22 by U-shaped slots having, as viewed in FIG. 1, upper and lower horizontal [slots] slot portions 74 and [a] forwardly-facing,

vertical [slots] slot portions 76. Small clamping protuberances 78 are formed on the confronting, outer faces of the jaws 72 that are adapted to be received within small clamping recesses 80 in the handle 24. As shown best in [FIG.] FIGS. 3 and 4, the handle 24 is generally ovate and the [recess] recesses 80 are located on the rearward side of the handle 24. The clamping recesses 80 are spaced from the base of the channel 70 by a distance such that their forwardmost edges are engaged by rearward edges of the clamping protuberances 78 and biased thereby toward the front face 40 of the wall mount 22. The hair dryer 20 is thereby securely held against the wall mount 22 and the switch 26 assuredly switched off.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 3 to the following:

As viewed in FIG. 7, the free ends and sides of the clamp jaws 72 are provided with stiffening ribs 82 extending therealong, the side ribs being integrally connected to surrounding parts of the wall mount 22. This construction provides [ribs 82] clamp jaws 72 which are quite stiff, long lasting, yet sufficiently resilient to enable the hair dryer 22 to be easily assembled onto and removed from the wall mount 22.

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Amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 10 to the following:

To use the hair dryer 20, one may simply grasp the handle and pull it away from the wall mount 22, and switch the hair dryer 20 to one of its "on" positions. To return the hair dryer to the wall mount 22, one may simply point the front end of the hair dryer toward the wall mount 22, and insert the front end of the blower housing 28 into the blower housing-receiving socket 60. If the handle 24 is advanced toward the wall mount 22 along a substantially vertical plane, it will be guided by the surfaces of the wall mount 22 opening to the blower housing-receiving socket 60 and the handle-receiving channel 70 into a position wherein the protuberances 78 on the clamp jaws 72 enter the clamping recesses 80. Provided the protuberances 78 enter the recesses 80, the switch button 36, if not previously moved to its "off" position, will be moved to its "off" position because of the engagement by the switch button 36 with the switch operating surface 68. One using the hair dryer 20 and the wall mount 22 will quickly learn that the hair dryer 20 can be securely mounted with a simple thrusting of the hair dryer 20 toward the center of the wall mount. If the hair dryer 20 is switched on while being

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advanced toward the wall mount 22, the heated air exiting from the front of the blower housing 28 will enter the socket 60 and be partly reflected back around the blower housing 28 and partly vented through an array of vents 84 in the wall of the socket 60.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 6 to the following:

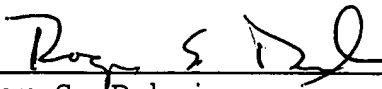
6. The appliance and wall mount of claim 5 [1] wherein a power cord extends outwardly from said handle.

Amend claim 13 to the following:

13. The appliance and wall mount of claim 12 [8] wherein a power cord extends outwardly from said handle.

Favorable action is requested.

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